

**COUNTY PROFILE**

# Kandiyohi Co.

Kandiyohi Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6E, which is located in the Central Planning Region.


**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

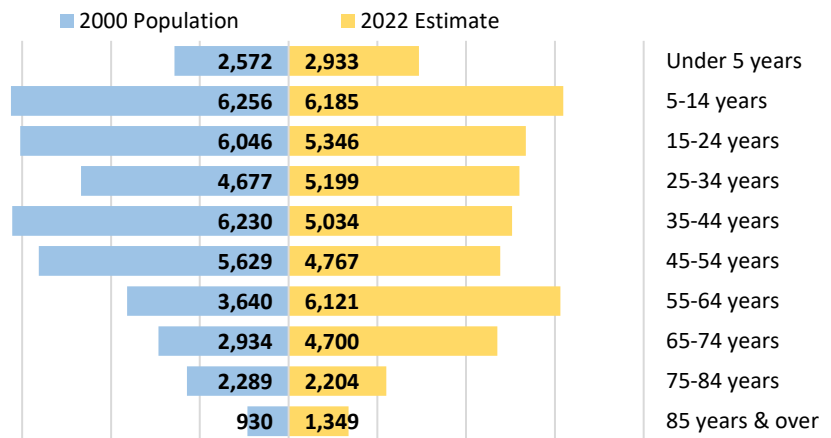
2022 population:	<b>43,839 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>39.2 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2022	1,600 people 3.8% increase	state:	38.3 years

Kandiyohi Co. is the 23rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 32nd fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Kandiyohi Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	2,933	6.7%
5-14 years	6,185	14.1%
15-24 years	5,346	12.2%
25-34 years	5,199	11.9%
35-44 years	5,034	11.5%
45-54 years	4,767	10.9%
55-64 years	6,121	14.0%
65-74 years	4,700	10.7%
75-84 years	2,204	5.0%
85 years & over	1,349	3.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>43,839</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2017-2021 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022**



Kandiyohi Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Kandiyohi Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

**Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Kandiyohi Co.	106	245	1,252	1,007	-165	296	-461
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

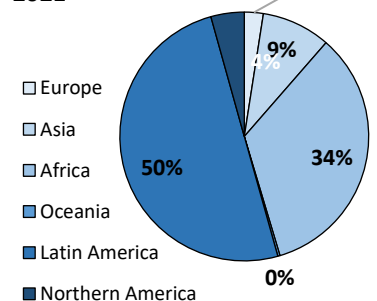
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Kandiyohi Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2021, Kandiyohi Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Kandiyohi Co.		Change 2010-2021		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>80.1%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
Europe	87	2.5%	-87	-50.0%	9.4%	0.3%
Asia	316	8.9%	157	98.7%	37.0%	30.2%
Africa	1,199	34.0%	769	178.8%	27.8%	89.8%
Oceania	10	0.3%	7	233.3%	0.4%	17.8%
Americas:	1,919	54.3%	724	60.6%	25.4%	6.8%
Latin America	1,766	50.0%	624	54.6%	23.0%	8.5%
Northern America	153	4.3%	100	188.7%	2.5%	-6.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 3% 2021**



## COUNTY PROFILE

Kandiyohi Co.

Kandiyohi Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2021**

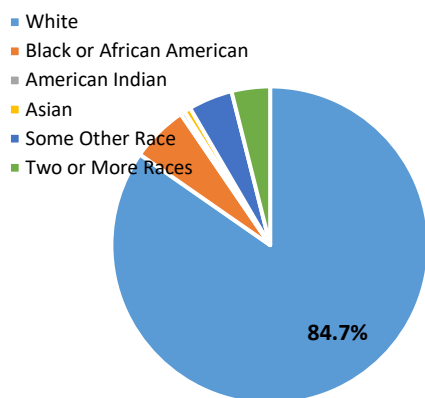


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2021	Kandiyohi Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2021	Percent	Change from 2011-2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,504</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
White	36,838	84.7%	-7.6%	80.7%	0.4%
Black or African American	2,522	5.8%	240.4%	6.6%	42.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	197	0.5%	-12.1%	0.9%	-8.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	287	0.7%	40.7%	5.0%	35.8%
Some Other Race	1,955	4.5%	378.0%	2.1%	66.5%
Two or More Races	1,705	3.9%	207.8%	4.6%	121.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin	5,593	12.9%	22.4%	5.6%	31.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

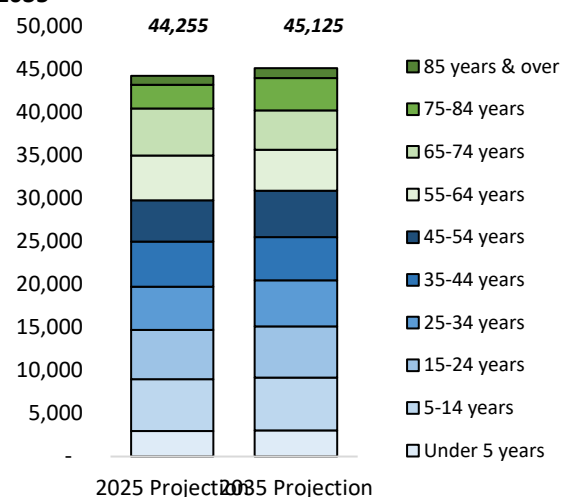
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Kandiyohi Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Kandiyohi Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	2,964	3,022	58	2.0%
5-14 years	6,021	6,155	134	2.2%
15-24 years	5,732	5,933	201	3.5%
25-34 years	5,006	5,385	379	7.6%
35-44 years	5,257	4,999	-258	-4.9%
45-54 years	4,782	5,400	618	12.9%
55-64 years	5,207	4,772	-435	-8.4%
65-74 years	5,496	4,546	-950	-17.3%
75-84 years	2,743	3,768	1,025	37.4%
85 years & over	1,047	1,145	98	9.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>44,255</b>	<b>45,125</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Kandiyohi Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Kandiyohi Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

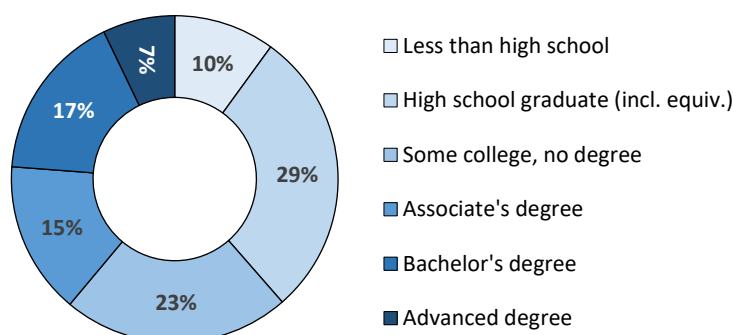
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**90.0%**

College-educated: **61.4%**  
state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: **15.1%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **16.7%**  
Advanced Degree: **7.1%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2021**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.9%, Kandiyohi Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2022. After the pandemic recession Kandiyohi Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 5% in 2020, and declined compared to the 3.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Kandiyohi Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**23,213** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2007-2022

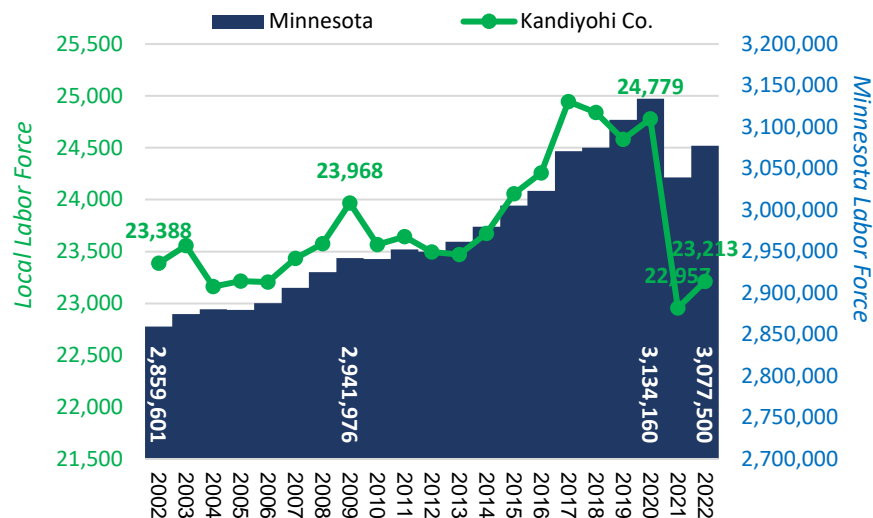
-221 workers  
-0.9% decline

**2.9%** unemployment rate

2.7% state

**673** unemployed workers

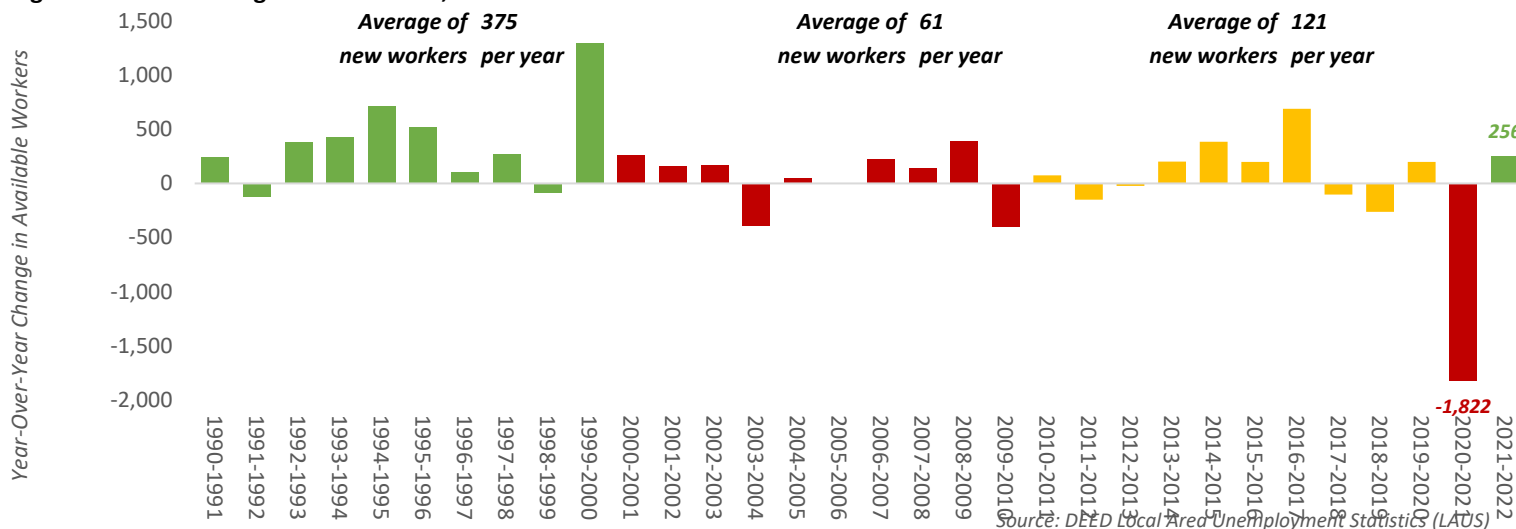
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 374.9 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Kandiyohi Co. averaged an annual gain of 61.2 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of 121.1 new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Kandiyohi Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2022



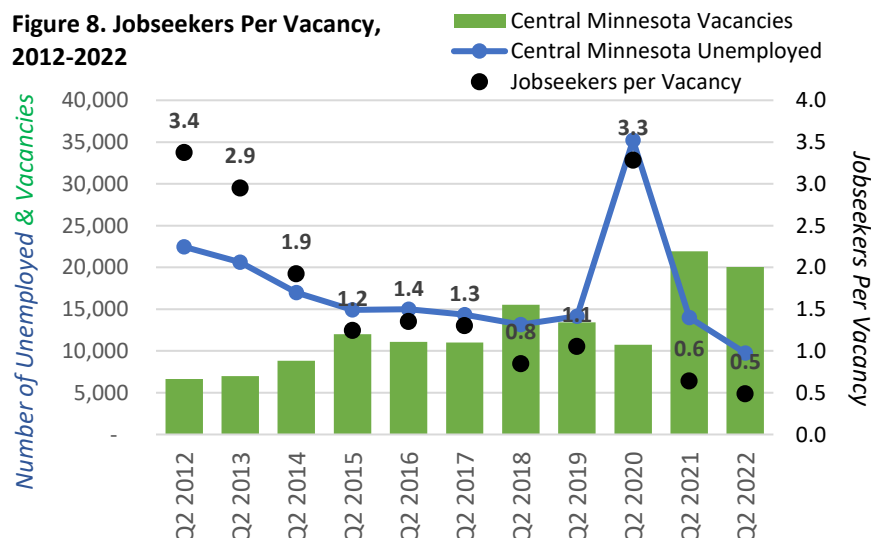
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	3,682	3,879
25 to 54 years	13,369	14,037
55 to 64 years	4,014	3,678
65 years & over	2,221	1,951
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>23,286</b>	<b>23,545</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2017-2021 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Central reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

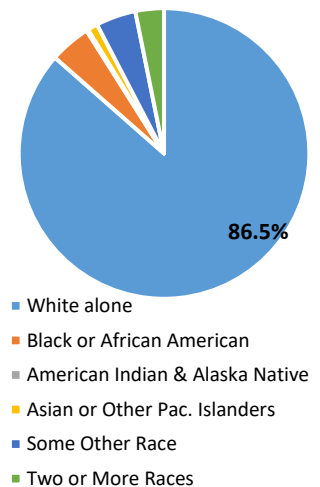
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Kandiyohi Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Kandiyohi Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 82.6% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2021

	Kandiyohi Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>23,284</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>69.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>12,509</b>	<b>10,784</b>
16 to 19 years	1,157	52.5%	2.6%	52.3%	10.7%	504	653
20 to 24 years	2,321	89.7%	3.1%	83.3%	6.7%	1,332	989
25 to 44 years	8,932	88.0%	5.0%	88.8%	3.6%	4,948	3,983
45 to 54 years	4,296	90.8%	2.7%	87.6%	3.0%	2,166	2,129
55 to 64 years	4,682	77.1%	1.8%	73.1%	3.2%	2,412	2,272
65 to 74 years	1,679	36.0%	2.3%	28.0%	3.2%	961	719
75 years & over	226	6.4%	0.0%	6.6%	2.9%	186	39
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	20,148	67.4%	3.1%	68.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	1,063	80.2%	6.2%	71.9%	8.6%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	47	38.8%	0.0%	57.4%	12.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	263	91.6%	0.0%	72.7%	4.1%		
Some Other Race	1,037	78.0%	7.6%	75.8%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	740	75.1%	2.2%	74.1%	7.3%		
Hispanic or Latino	2,615	73.9%	10.4%	77.0%	6.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	1,578	60.3%	1.7%	53.6%	9.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	17,900	85.4%	3.6%	84.4%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,407	77.7%	4.7%	66.6%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,118	80.8%	2.3%	77.3%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	7,420	86.1%	2.5%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4,967	91.4%	1.8%	90.3%	2.1%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2021

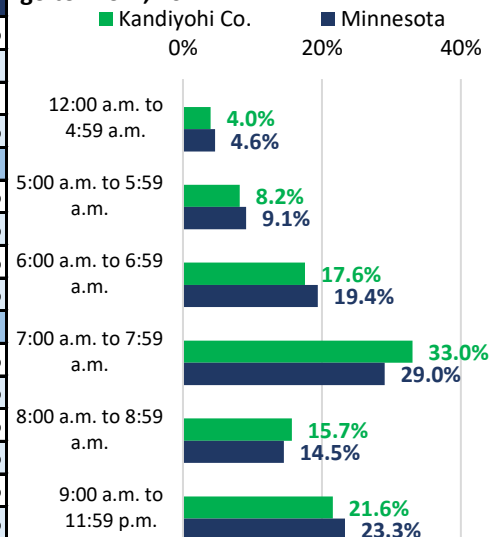


Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Kandiyohi Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Kandiyohi Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2021	Kandiyohi Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	21,901	99.2%	2,858,636	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	19,517	88.4%	1,922,337	65.7%
Worked out of county of residence	2,407	10.9%	933,372	31.9%
Worked outside state of residence	177	0.8%	67,296	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	19,495	88.3%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	265	1.2%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	706	3.2%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	1,590	7.2%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	7,175	32.4%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	8,058	36.4%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	3,555	16.1%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,855	8.4%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	486	2.2%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	994	4.5%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>17.7 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2021



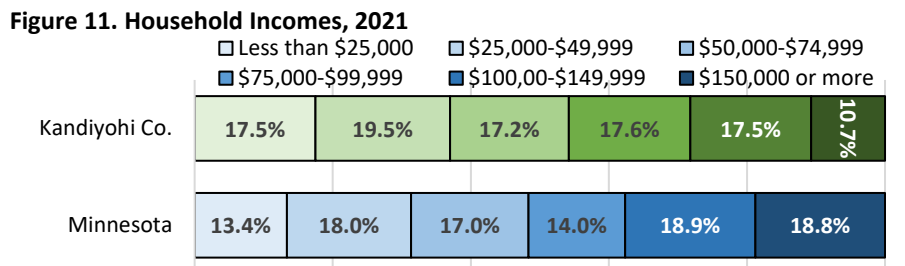
Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Kandiyohi Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Kandiyohi Co. had the 26th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$67,798</b>
state	\$77,706
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$82,791</b>
state	\$98,356
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$32,788</b>
state	\$41,204

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Kandiyohi Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.21 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.91 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

**Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022**

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Kandiyohi Co.	\$27,487	\$13.21	\$0	\$357	\$152	\$611	\$618	\$265	\$288
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Kandiyohi Co.	\$46,505	\$14.91	\$296	\$816	\$538	\$767	\$715	\$433	\$310
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Kandiyohi Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 33rd highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Kandiyohi Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

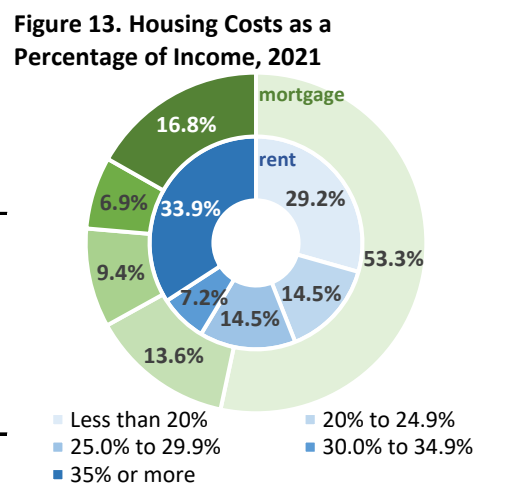
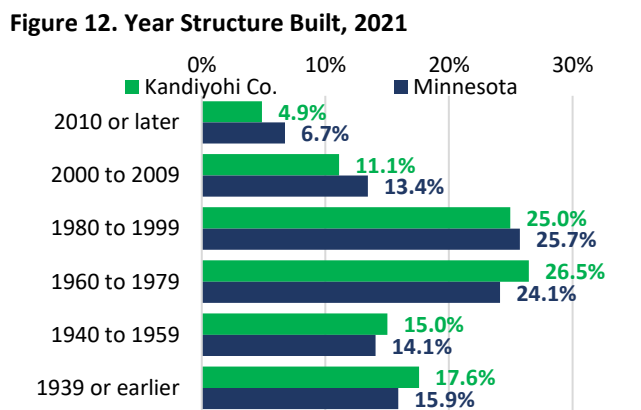
**Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2021**

	Kandiyohi Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,624</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	470	3.7%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,664	13.2%	6.1%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,315	18.3%	9.5%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,236	17.7%	14.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,917	23.1%	28.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,158	17.1%	26.4%
\$500,000 or more	864	6.8%	10.2%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$188,600</b>		<b>\$250,200</b>

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,384</b>
state	\$1,682
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
state	21.7%
<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$776</b>
state	\$1,081
<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>41.0%</b>
state	45.4%

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$21.2 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 6E than the state. Overall, Region 6E had the 3rd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.27) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.1) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2023

Occupational Group	Region 6E				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$21.20</b>	<b>49,510</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$24.25</b>	<b>2,827,310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$43.27	2,460	5.0%	0.7	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.31	1,630	3.3%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.20	450	0.9%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.69	930	1.9%	1.0	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.81	290	0.6%	0.6	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.97	1,150	2.3%	1.2	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$31.91	160	0.3%	0.5	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.33	2,700	5.5%	1.0	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.44	310	0.6%	0.5	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.75	2,860	5.8%	0.9	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$15.62	4,190	8.5%	1.5	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$25.23	690	1.4%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.10	3,830	7.7%	1.0	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.23	1,400	2.8%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.20	820	1.7%	0.8	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.29	4,270	8.6%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.29	5,440	11.0%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.79	420	0.8%	5.9	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$26.13	2,090	4.2%	1.0	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.77	2,120	4.3%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.07	6,470	13.1%	1.8	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.96	4,870	9.8%	1.2	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

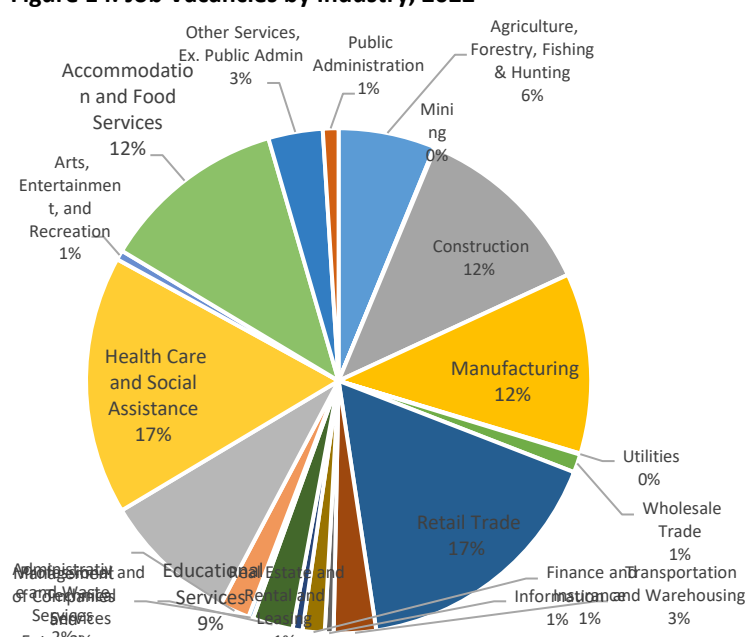
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Kandiyohi Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 20029 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>20,029</b>	<b>\$18.05</b>
Management	320	\$39.17
Business & Financial Operations	202	\$27.62
Computer & Mathematical	171	\$23.54
Architecture & Engineering	158	\$24.47
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	621	\$18.79
Community & Social Service	254	\$23.73
Education, Training & Library	1,003	\$22.10
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,788	\$32.69
Healthcare Support	1,330	\$15.48
Protective Service	133	\$17.93
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,629	\$13.43
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	669	\$15.07
Personal Care & Service	650	\$14.19
Sales & Related	2,437	\$15.93
Office & Administrative Support	1,264	\$15.74
Construction & Extraction	1,479	\$24.86
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	620	\$22.53
Production	1,690	\$17.91
Transportation & Material Moving	1,845	\$20.33

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$28,817/yr	Nursing Assistants \$36,077/yr	Registered Nurses \$84,325/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$58,958/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$25,851/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$48,600/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$67,134/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$64,053/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$29,471/yr	Machinists \$53,178/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$55,350/yr	General and Operations Managers \$88,723/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$50,278/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$44,146/yr	Dental Hygienists \$74,817/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$65,308/yr
Cashiers \$27,062/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$34,024/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$69,032/yr	Construction Managers \$92,471/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$46,230/yr	Medical Assistants \$40,779/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$61,398/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$61,390/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$29,612/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$53,048/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$51,275/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health \$52,515/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$35,947/yr	Electricians \$64,458/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$73,109/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$62,214/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$35,525/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$53,036/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$36,602/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$34,900/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$33,541/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$61,862/yr	Library Technicians \$40,330/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$38,097/yr

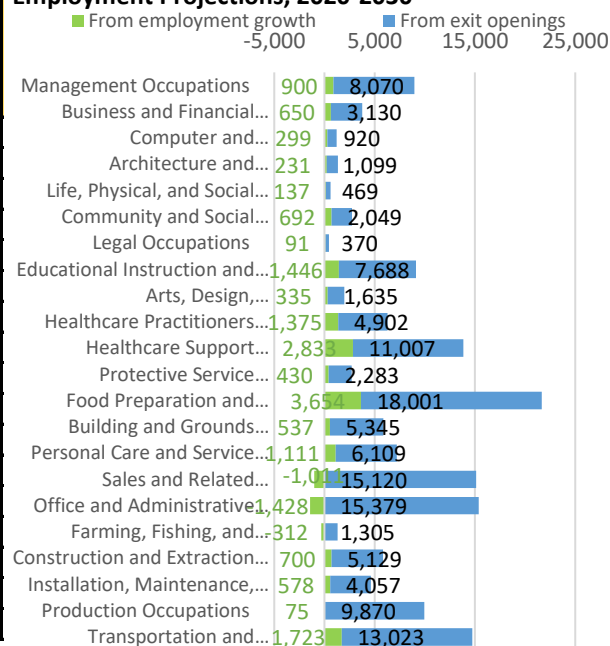
Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Kandiyohi Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>301,170</b>	<b>316,216</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,416	4,879	-9.9%
Utilities	1,952	1,686	-13.6%
Construction	18,984	19,792	4.3%
Manufacturing	39,543	40,646	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	10,123	10,516	3.9%
Retail Trade	35,588	33,781	-5.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,098	10,685	5.8%
Information	2,639	2,842	7.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,550	9,649	1.0%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	8,562	9,119	6.5%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	9,545	10,066	5.5%
Educational Services	23,734	24,976	5.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	46,672	52,213	11.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	21,963	26,961	22.8%
Other Services	10,108	11,290	11.7%
Public Administration	19,239	20,198	5.0%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational  
Employment Projections, 2020-2030

## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Kandiyohi Co. had the 17th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Kandiyohi Co. was the 65th fastest growing in the past year and the 72nd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Kandiyohi Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**1,445** business establishments

**\$48,886** annual average wage

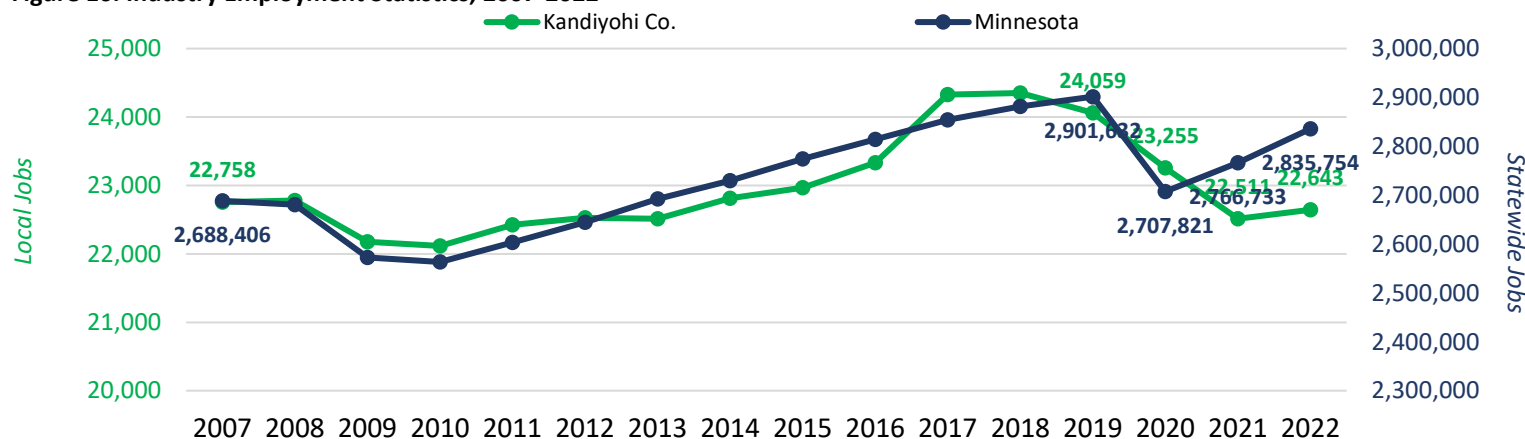
**22,643** jobs

**\$1,106,930,684** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2022

-1,416 jobs  
-5.9% decline

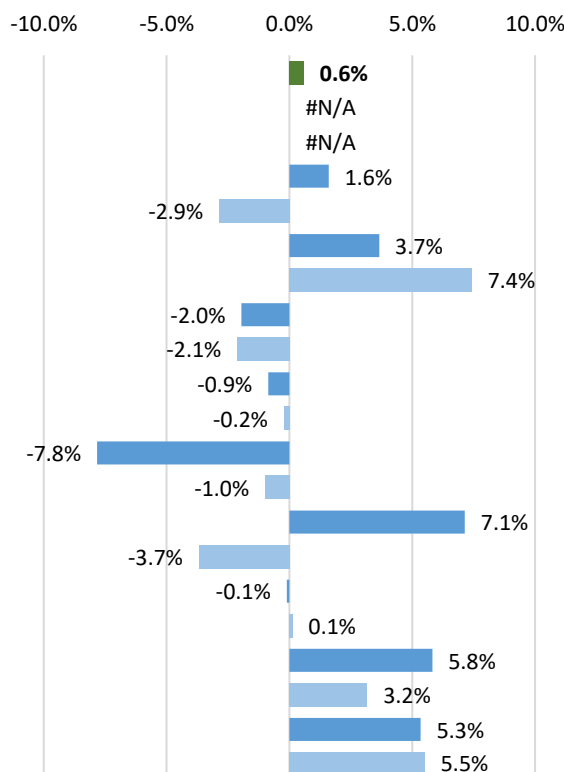
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Kandiyohi Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>22,643</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$48,886</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	1,333	5.9%	\$66,536
Manufacturing	2,815	12.4%	\$58,890
Utilities	85	0.4%	\$96,680
Wholesale Trade	811	3.6%	\$79,180
Retail Trade	2,758	12.2%	\$35,450
Transportation & Warehousing	599	2.6%	\$47,626
Information	344	1.5%	\$46,886
Finance & Insurance	449	2.0%	\$74,024
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	106	0.5%	\$38,666
Professional & Technical Services	502	2.2%	\$68,080
Management of Companies	120	0.5%	\$103,816
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	759	3.4%	\$52,982
Educational Services	1,505	6.6%	\$39,837
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,498	24.3%	\$44,871
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	200	0.9%	\$19,512
Accommodation & Food Services	1,562	6.9%	\$21,358
Other Services	611	2.7%	\$29,947
Public Administration	1,034	4.6%	\$55,856

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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